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THERE will be no collection on Christmas Day (Saturday), December 25th, nor on Boxing Day (Monday), December 27th.

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COLONEL'S MESSAGE TO HOME GUARD

Col. A. L. Foster, commanding No. 4 Group, Kent Home Guard, has sent the following message to all ranks:

My staff and I wish all ranks of No. 1 Group, Kent Home Guard, and their families a happy Christmas and good fortune in the New Year.

I hope that all those who have persevered so faithfully in attendance at training will enjoy their well-earned stand-off from 23rd December to 4th January. The patriotism, self-sacrifice and endurance shown by these officers and men of all ranks is beyond praise. By making themselves efficient they have made a great contribution to final victory. I hope that their example will be followed by all in the coming year, so that we may, each one of us, by our own personal efforts, be worthy of the victory to which we look forward.

PROFICIENT SPOTTERS

The following members passed their third-class proficiency test at the headquarters of the Ramsgate Spotters' Club in Effingham-street on Friday:

A. W. Files, L. Daley, S. F. Smith, J. Westwood, G. W. Wighting and C. E. Sells.

D. H. Prestedge and E. Tutt passed their intermediate second-class test.

There will be no meeting of the Spotters' Club on Christmas Eve. The next meeting will be held on Friday next week.

New members will be welcome and should apply to the hon. secretary, Mr. C. E. Sells, Belvedere, Newington-road.

MR. GEORGE CLEVELAND

HOTEL PROPRIETOR'S DEATH

Mr. George Harlow Cleveland, co-proprietor of St. George's Hotel, Cliftonville, died under tragic circumstances on Saturday afternoon.

He was waiting for a bus in Northdown-road, together with his wife, with the intention of going to a cinema at Westgate. He collapsed suddenly. Soldiers and an Army medical officer went to his assistance. He was taken to Margate General Hospital but on arrival life was found to be extinct.

Mr. Cleveland was 57 years of age.

The funeral has provisionally been arranged to take place at Margate cemetery at noon on Thursday.

The passing of Mr. George Cleveland will be regretted by a large circle of friends throughout Thanet, amongst whom he was exceedingly popular by reason of his pleasant manner and cheerful disposition. His outlook on life was always bright despite the fact that he had suffered from the days of his youth from a leg deformity due to infantile paralysis.

Mr. Cleveland played a big part in the development of St. George's Hotel not only as a first-class catering establishment but as a social centre for Thanet in the winter months. Many will remember him for his singing as a member of the Cleveland concert party, an after-dinner feature of functions held at the hotel. He was a prominent member of Margate Rotary Club and the Brotherhood of Cheerful Sparrows and although he took no active part in the town's government he always displayed a keen interest in its welfare.

Following the death of his first wife, Mr. Cleveland married an old friend, Miss Ethel Tarling, of South Kensington, in August of this year. He is also survived by two sons.

Soldiers Sent to Prison

TOOK LORRY TO GET HOME

Two soldiers found a lorry in Queen-street car park, Ramsgate, on the night of 7th December, installed a rotor arm which they had removed from another vehicle, drove the lorry away and abandoned it in the outskirts of London.

These facts were disclosed at Ramsgate police court, on Monday, when Pte. James Arthur Wrigglesworth, aged 28, and Pte. George Henry Samuel, aged 27, were each sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

They were charged with stealing the lorry, value £500, the property of Messrs. John Laing and Son, Government contractors, and with stealing six gallons of petrol which they used in driving the lorry to London.

Mr. Eric Weale, prosecuting, said an employee of Messrs. Laing left the lorry in the car park on the night of 7th December, taking the precaution of removing the rotor arm and also drawing away the water in case of freezing in the night. When he went to collect it the following morning he was surprised to find that it had gone.

It transpired that another lorry driver found that the rotor arm of his vehicle had been removed and this rotor arm fitted the stolen lorry, which was found abandoned in the outskirts of London.

Got Fed Up.

Both defendants were interrogated by the police for being absent without leave and when asked how they came to be there they made a frank confession that they had stolen the lorry. After that they gave every assistance to the police.

Wrigglesworth, who declared that he had domestic trouble at home, said he was drunk on the night in question. "I had applied for leave and it was refused by my commanding officer," he said. "I had had had a drink I should not have done such a thing. When I got to London the next day I realised it was silly to do it. My kiddie was ill."

Samuel said: "I did it on impulse. I just got fed up."

The commanding officer of Wrigglesworth's unit said defendant's character was bad. His conduct sheet showed a long list of offences against military discipline and he understood there were also civilian convictions against him.

C/I Butcher said he had no information about civilian convictions against Wrigglesworth, but Samuel asked that another offence should be taken into consideration. That was stealing a Post Office savings bank book, the property of his sister, at Tottenham, between 7th and 11th December, after he had left Ramsgate.

Mr. H. J. Perry announced that defendants would be sent to prison for one month on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are selling fast for the Christmas concert being presented at the Ramsgate Congregational Hall on Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War Fund. Tea, too, are advised to book in advance to save disappointment.

Prizes of cooked goose and a Christmas pudding are offered and the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. G. W. Twigger) will be present at the Tuesday evening. It is hoped that at the same show a cheque will be handed over to Lady Carson by the Mayor.

Chief feature of the first-class concert will be a performance of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" by local people, and the singing of "The Moments Musical" will be a harmonious contribution to the show.

Particulars of times, etc., will be found in the advertisement.

EDUCATION CONCESSION

MORE POWER FOR DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Under the terms of the new Education Bill, details of which have now been made public, the Government have gone a long way to meet the objections raised by the local education authorities.

When the White Paper which preceded the Bill was published, the proposals so far as they related to education were welcomed throughout the country but exception was taken to the suggested abolition of what are known as Part III education authorities—authorities such as those at Ramsgate and Margate.

Representations were made to the Government by these authorities and their associations with the result that the following paragraph is now found in the White Paper published with the draft of the Bill:

"In order to evoke and maintain local interest in education in the country districts provision is made in the First Schedule, Part III, for a system of delegation of the functions of the local education authorities. This system, which has been devised after discussions on the White Paper proposals with representatives of the local authorities, has the following new features: Instead of the proposal that district committees should be entrusted with the general duty of keeping the needs of their areas under review and of making recommendations to the county education committee, there is substituted a system of delegation of functions to divisional executives, representing individual country districts or groups of them. While the scope of delegation may vary according to circumstances, these delegated functions will normally extend to the administration of primary and secondary education and where there is a sufficient aggregation of population may also include further education. Schemes for the delegation of these functions will be prepared by the county councils after consultation with the district councils and the latter councils will have the right to make representations to the Minister, who may make such modification in the schemes as he considers expedient."

So far as Thanet is concerned there will probably be constituted an education committee, to cover the whole of the island and it is understood that the Kent Education Committee will favourably consider delegating substantial powers to the district committees.

The arrangement will probably be similar to that appertaining in the Civil Defence Service. The Civil Defence Committees of local Councils are responsible for administration although the County Council, as the scheme making authority, have the control over finance.

Our Christmas Editions

This week the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO will be published on Thursday instead of Friday.

There will be no edition on Tuesday, 28th December, a combined edition being published on Friday, 31st December.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

EXTENDED HOURS AT RAMSGATE

Public-houses in Ramsgate will be open until 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the following Monday, and on New Year's Eve.

Making application for the extension on behalf of 60 licensees at Ramsgate police court on Monday, Mr. A. R. Young said that his clients would be able to make full use of the extensions in giving people extra time to enjoy themselves. "There has been a suggestion in the town," he said, "that there is a shortage of the wherewithal for the licensees to sell, but that only applies to wines and spirits. There is no shortage of the Britishers' standby—beer."

Mr. Young's applications were granted in addition to similar ones by the 1914 Club, British Legion, Oddfellows' Club, Ramsgate Social Club and Institute and the North Pole and Walmer Castle public-houses.

In announcing the bench's decision the Mayor (Alderman G. W. Twigger) said he hoped everybody would enjoy themselves.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 5.23 p.m.—8.33 a.m.
Wednesday	... 5.23 p.m.—8.34 a.m.
Thursday	... 5.24 p.m.—8.34 a.m.
Friday	... 5.25 p.m.—8.34 a.m.
Saturday	... 5.25 p.m.—8.35 a.m.

POLICE PROMOTIONS

MOVES FOR THANET OFFICERS

Many promotions among the members of the Kent County Constabulary, to become operative on 1st January, are announced this week.

The promotions will greatly affect the Thanet police, several of whom have been transferred for duties in other parts of the county.

Mr. Robert A. Hicks who, for some time, has been a temporary chief inspector at Ramsgate, will become chief inspector. He is remaining in the town temporarily.

The other promotions are as follows:

Temp. Inspr. Fittall, Ramsgate, to be inspector and transferred to Chatham for patrol duties;

Det.-Sgt. Ticchurst, Ramsgate, to be inspector and transferred to Tunbridge Wells for patrol duties;

P-Sgt. Files, Ramsgate, to be temporary inspector and transferred to No. 1 District (Tunbridge Wells) as traffic inspector;

Temp. P-Sgt. Jenner to be police sergeant and remain at Ramsgate;

Det.-Con. Oram, Wingham Division (formerly of Ramsgate), to be sergeant and transferred to Ramsgate for special emergency duties at present undertaken by C/I Hicks;

Det.-Con. Reid, Ramsgate, to be temporarly sergeant and transferred to Margate as clerk sergeant;

Det.-Sgt. Cory, Margate, to be detective chief inspector for Nos. 3 and 4 Districts;

Temp. Inspr. May, Margate, to be inspector and transferred to Regional Headquarters;

Sgt. Russell, Margate, at present on A.R.P. duties, to be inspector and transferred to Tunbridge Wells for patrol duties;

Sgt. Beer, traffic department, Margate, to be traffic inspector of Nos. 3 and 4 Districts;

Sgt. Steele, Margate, to be temporary inspector and remain at Margate on patrol duties;

Sgt. Scutt, Margate, at present attached to headquarters, to be temporary inspector and transferred to Folkestone for patrol duties;

Temp. Sgts. Taylor and A. Norris, Margate, to be sergeants;

Det.-Con. Wren, Margate, to be temporary sergeant and remain in Margate for patrol duties;

Temp. Sgt. Mannering, Broadstairs, to be sergeant;

Temp. P-C Self, Broadstairs, to be temporary detective sergeant and transferred to Rochester;

Det.-Sgt. Chamberlain, Sandwich, to be temporary detective inspector and transferred to Dover;

Temp. Sgt. May, Dover, to be traffic sergeant for No. 4 District;

P/C Ward, Sandwich, to be clerk sergeant and remain at Sandwich;

P/C Hogben, Dover, to be sergeant and transferred to Ramsgate for patrol duties;

Det.-Con. Soutan, Canterbury, to be temporary sergeant and transferred to Ramsgate for patrol duties;

P/C Stoner, traffic department, to be temporary sergeant and transferred to Margate for patrol duties.

A Miscalculation

MAGISTRATES AMEND NEW YEAR DANCE EXTENSION

Dancers at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, will, after all, be able to welcome the New Year in the customary way.

The magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday reversed their decision of the previous week not to allow an extension of the music and dancing licence until 12.15 a.m. on New Year's Day. At the previous hearing they granted an extension only until 11.45 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

On Monday the Entertainments Manager (Mr. R. J. Costerton) asked the magistrates to give further consideration to the matter. The purpose of the dance, he said, would be entirely lost unless the patrons could be in the hall when the New Year arrived.

Mr. H. J. Perry said that to be quite frank he and his colleagues made a miscalculation of the day when the extension was applied for the previous week. They were pleased to amend the order to 12.15 a.m., and the occasional licence for the sale of intoxicants applied for by Mr. W. G. Love would be granted to 11.45 p.m.

BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

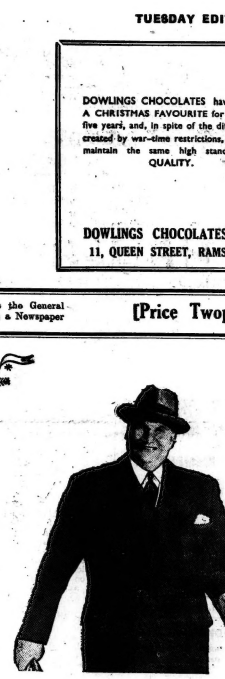
The summons against Mrs. Phyllis May Edwards, of High-street, St. Lawrence, for showing a light to shine from the Old Vicarage, Chapel-place, Ramsgate, on 3rd December, was dismissed at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

When the case was first heard the previous week Mrs. Edwards said she was not the only person possessing a key to the premises.

Mr. Gibson and Butcher read a report from P/C Shanahan which stated that another key was held by a Mrs. Stanley but that was not in Mrs. Stanley's possession between 30th November and 7th December. "At the time of the occurrence," said the report, "Mrs. Edwards was the only person with a key to the premises."

C/I Butcher suggested that defendant should be given the benefit of the doubt.

Mr. H. J. Perry said the magistrates agreed and had decided to dismiss the case.



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UNPAID RATES

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST RAMSGATE DEFAULTERS

At a hearing on Friday, which lasted nearly two hours, Ramsgate magistrates considered a number of cases of unpaid rates, and in the majority of instances granted conditional warrants of distress and adjourned the hearing of the remaining cases until 18th February.

Appearing for the rating authority, Mr. W. H. Gibson, Assistant Rating and Valuation Officer, pointed out that the authority had taken full account of the widespread hardship in the town since 1940 and had refrained from taking proceedings for recovery over a long period.

The rating authority had met the position brought about by the war situation by making it known that they were prepared to consider cases of genuine hardship, and since 1940 a large number of cases have been given very careful and sympathetic consideration. Mr. Gibson stressed that no ratepayer who is genuinely hard hit has any reason to fear that his difficulties would have failed to receive full and sympathetic consideration.

Although, said Mr. Gibson, a vast majority of ratepayers had met their obligations to the rating authority in an admirable manner, there was a small minority which had failed either to pay the amount due, or to show any good reason why they were unable to do so. Every opportunity had been given to ratepayers to put their cases before the rating authority, and in cases where rates were outstanding for no apparently good reason, the authority had now no option but to apply for warrants of distress.

Mr. Gibson went on to say that the services of the town had to be paid for, and if ratepayers who were in a position to pay the amount of rates due from them were not compelled to meet their obligations, then the burden of the rates would fall more heavily and unfairly on the willing shoulders.

The rating authority, said Mr. Gibson, was determined that this should not happen and as a consequence proceedings for recovery had now been instituted and those ratepayers who were unable to meet their rates and had failed to put their cases before the rating authority would find themselves in the same unpleasant position as the ratepayers (fortunately few in number) who thought they could take advantage of the war situation and avoid payment.

In reply to one defendant, the Clerk to the Magistrates (Mr. E. A. Knight) said that there seemed to be a feeling that the rating authority could take no drastic steps for recovery of rates in wartime but this was not so. The applications by the rating authority were for warrants of distress, which, if granted by the bench, would give the authority the right to seize the goods and chattels of the defendants.

In the case of the hearing of the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) observed that if ratepayers failed either to pay rates due, or to put their cases before the rating authority, they must expect to have proceedings for recovery taken against them.

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L-CPL. WILLIAM MANTLE

Only son of Mr. E. H. Mantle, Acting Town Sergeant of Ramsgate, and Mrs. Mantle, L/Cpl. William Mantle has been posted as missing while serving in the Central Mediterranean.

Popularly known as "Tich," L/Cpl. Mantle was with The Buffs. Twenty-two years old, he went to Christ Church and Ellington Schools and was afterwards employed as a page boy at the Granville Hotel.

He joined the Territorials in April, 1939, and, called for service in August of that year, sailed for France a few months later. Admitted to hospital, he was brought home from St. Malo during the Dunkirk evacuation but spent only a short time in England before being drafted to Malta, where he was stationed for over three years.

News from the Studios

Tuesday Film Review

Tommy Trinder is off to North Africa shortly and has to have nine injections before he sails. Between jabs he's busy putting on his famous Carmen Miranda act for the screen in "Fiddlers Three." The breezy comedian hopes to make a complete tour of North Africa, putting on shows for men in isolated outposts as well as for the larger garrisons.

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Harry Watt, who made "Target for To-night" and "Nine Men," plans to leave for Australia in the New Year to make a film portraying the fighting spirit of the Anzacs in this war. He will make his headquarters at Sydney, where he will conduct his search for Australian artistes and writers.

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Every morning a film star turns up punctually at 8 o'clock at Ealing Studios and haunts the sets all day until the staff leaves in the evening. He is Jock, the dog who had a sequence all to himself in "The Foreman Went to France." Jock was "captured" outside the studios by a film official and, with his owner's consent, went straight to work in that part. Since then he hasn't missed a day at the studios and is waiting eagerly for another chance of film fame.

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Built round the notorious adventures of Jack the Ripper, Mrs. Belloc Lowndes thriller "The Lodger" is a feature of 20th Century Fox's 1944 schedule. It stars Merle Oberon, George Sanders, Laird Cregar and Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

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Inhabitants of the Kent coast who know the gallant deeds of the Air-Sea Rescue Service will understand that fiction could not make their exploits more thrilling than they are. "For Those in Peril," now being made, is a brilliantly authentic story of the men who go out in all weathers in the rescue launches to bring to safety the air-crews forced to bale out over the sea.

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Technicolor, which has reached a high standard of perfection, will be a great feature of the 1944 films. The M.G.M. schedule for the first half of the year includes no fewer than seven pictures in colour. Notable among their other films is "Madame Curie," the love story of the co-discoverer of radium. Based on Eve Curie's biography of her mother, it has Greer Garson, of "Mrs. Miniver" fame, in the title part.

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Work has been started on a documentary picture which deals with the making of films. This will include every important department concerned in the production of a film, from the writing of the story to the presentation of the finished product.

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The sensational and macabre "Phantom of the Opera," one of the most spine-shivering dramas of the "silent" days, has been filmed again—this time not only as a talkie but as a technicolor production. With Claude Rains as the phantom and Nelson Eddy and Susanna Foster providing the romance, it will be released in three months time.

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Units of Two Cities Films Ltd. have gone to Africa for major sequences in "Man of Two Worlds." One is already working in Tanganyika. The idea of the film is the fostering of African relationship with our country, and it is being made in the new Monopack colour specially suited to the intense light of Africa. The story deals with Colonial administration.

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Eric Portman has the most important role in "A Canterbury Tale," which is of particular interest to East Kent residents. Much of the action of the film was actually "shot" in Canterbury.

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Yesterday G.F.D. released "Alf's Button Afloat" (re-issue) and "The Demi-Paradise." Laurence Olivier appears in the latter film as a young Russian engineer visiting England for the sale of his newly-invented propellor. Full of prejudices and mistaken ideas about us, he discovers British people also have similar views about the Russians.

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"Claudia," showing in the West End, is based on the successful London play. It is packed with fun, has a touch of drama, and presents Dorothy McGuire as Claudia, a young and irresponsible wife. The whimsical story concerns middle-class American life and has a farm as its background.

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Not all film stars are content to rely on acting for their lustre. Tommy Trinder runs a circus, Betty Warren builds ships, and Gordon Jackson is a draughtsman. Now lovely Frances Day announces that she has political aspirations. "I am not going to give up my stage and film work," she says, "but one of these days I might make up my mind to fight an election."

St. Andrew's Dance. The dance held by St. Andrew's Church Committee at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading Street, on Tuesday, was attended by about 100 people.

HARD OF HEARING

By Peter Jackson

Sir,

I have to notify an act of disobedience to orders by Chief Petty Officer Albert Saunders while in action against the enemy and under the following circumstances:—

At 19-30 hours G.M.T., on the 9th inst., as previously arranged, I went aboard H.M. fishing smack Lovely Louisa, where C.P.O. Saunders was waiting to inform me that the ship was ready to put to sea.

I had the crew paraded, inspected their uniforms, and questioned each member to establish that everybody knew his name and duty. There were:

C.P.O. Saunders to be addressed as Mr. Saunders, and known as captain;

C.P.O. (artificer) Wm. Goddard, to be addressed as Bill and known as first mate;

Andrew McCulloch, A.B., to be called Mac and known as deck hand;

Myself to be called Young Bert and known as ship's boy.

All uniforms, that is, well-used and fish-scaled, rough fisherman's garb, were in order, but unpleasantly smelly.

The Lovely Louisa struck me as a safe and seaworthy, rather tub-shaped craft, broad in the beam and quite serviceable for fishing work.

A final rehearsal seemed advisable, and I therefore ordered Captain Saunders to take over for that purpose.

He began by clipping my ear and putting all hands to swill the decks. He declared that never had he seen the Lovely Louisa in such a filthy condition, and surmised that any fish caught would contract diphtheria, thus becoming unfit for consumption by the public.

Moreover, he stated that while he was captain he would be obeyed, and started kicking Goddard round the ship. McCulloch accidentally dropped a mop between his legs and the ship's cat, taking fright in the mix-up, leapt for safety up to the mast-head.

Indeed, right at the outset of this trip discipline was deplorable.

A crowd of three small boys and a dock policeman had now accumulated on the quayside, the latter wishing to know what it was all about.

The captain opened negotiations with the policeman, who was untractable. In fact, he inquired of the crew if anyone wanted to prefer a charge, at which Goddard said he would prefer one of murder. McCulloch wanted to interview the secretary of the Seamen's Union.

The law looked like complicating matters until it was escorted by the entire ship's company across to the "Welcome Sailor"—this suggestion being Saunders', the ten-shilling note being mine.

That incident being disposed of, Saunders, on my instructions, ordered sail to be made and under mains'l and jib, the former red the latter a dirty pink, we left harbour.

About 22-30 G.M.T., the moon, having risen, polished everything with silver brilliance and enabled an enemy plane (M.E.109) to locate us. No doubt the pilot, by reason of our sails and the three knots we were making, mistook us for a battleship of the Nelson class.

At any rate he displayed a highly suspicious nature, circling round and making several runs over us.

Tiffy Goddard said he didn't believe stories about Germans attacking innocent fishing boats and bombing lightships. His brother's wife's uncle had a friend who knew the Germans well and he maintained——

The M. E. appeared to have gone away but at that moment it dropped out of the moon with engines full out and all guns going. The sea around whipped up, hissing and boiling, while McCulloch shouted.

"Down on your gutses!"

A superfluous remark and a frightful plural.

The plane whined up out of its dive and Tiffy rose to his knees praying for a gory machine-gun. McCulloch threw doubt upon the legal status of the pilot's parentage but I personally thought him a rather decent fellow because he did not trouble us any more that night.

No casualties or damage—apart from a few wood chippings—were sustained from this attack, and we proceeded on our course.

By midnight we had reached our position and Saunders ordered sail to be lowered and the nets to be got out.

I mention here that Saunders retired from the Royal Navy in 1928, only rejoining at the outbreak of hostilities, and he had apparently spent the intervening period experimenting in hair-dyes, the result being that his hair, besides being extremely luxuriant, is also astonishingly multi-coloured. Saunders is, moreover, sensitive on the matter of his age, an additional fact of which Tiffy Goddard is aware.

Accordingly, it was owing to Goddard's allusions to old men of the sea and beauty parlours that towards 02-00 hours G.M.T., I was obliged to abandon making tea in the galley in the capacity of ship's boy and in the interests of discipline and to prevent bloodshed to re-assume my rank of lieutenant, ordering both men to their stations.

We then settled down to desultory grumbling and fishing for the night.

Considerable mist had accumulated by the time dawn began to break. The weather was calm and the sea quiet.

About now we became aware by sound of another craft some distance away.

Saunders, in a loud voice, immediately ordered the nets to be hauled in, the sails hoisted (there was no wind) and the oars got out.

In consequence we were well occupied, amid much clatter, obeying these instructions when E-boat 257Z appeared in the growing light to starboard. Our wild efforts to escape were observed to cause amusement among the enemy crew, but not to the earnest young man who was obviously in command.

In good but strident English he ordered us into the dinghy as he proposed to sink the Lovely Louisa, the nondescript sails of which, flapping against the mast as the ship rolled, was no pleasing sight to his eye.

Captain Saunders began to plead with him.

"This boat's all I've got, sir," he wailed, and wailing over two hundred yards of open sea even in calm weather is not a simple feat. "We ain't doing no harm. I'll give you all our catch"—he held up two Dover soles and a herring—"don't sink my boat, sir. Forty years I've sailed her——"

The young man grew angrier. Visibility was still bad, but we could see his brow registering a formidable lower.

"Get into the dinghy," he shouted in a Teutonic rage. "I'll sink the whole damned lot of you otherwise, Two minutes I give you—two minutes."

The Lovely Louisa now became a scene of mad confusion and panic. Tiffy Goddard, McCulloch, as well as Saunders, addressed appeals to the German commander to be allowed to take various personal belongings into the dinghy while I held up the ship's cat as my contribution.

Captain Saunders chose this moment for revenge and issued Goddard with a crack on the head with a piece of wood, nominally to induce him to obey orders, and after replying with a Dover sole to the face Tiffy tumbled below. I began to pull frantically on the dinghy tow-rope.

By now the enemy crew was lining the side of the E-boat and evidently asking the commander not to sink us yet as the entertainment was so excellent. And indeed the young man seemed almost on the point of smiling but that impression may perhaps have been due to the sunlight which was beginning to break the mist into swirls.

I made my way aft and Saunders blunderingly followed me, falling over so that his arm embraced the tiller. Goddard's voice floated up from below.

"I've found the tea!" it said.

And the captain shouted.

"Put the kettle on!"

"Hard to starboard," I whispered.

I had just time to note an uncomprehending expression in his eyes when our 1,000 horse power engine broke into a roar.

Saunders lurched against the tiller, driving it with his whole weight over to port and knocking me down under the gunn'l.

The Lovely Louisa began to leap over the water in a wide curve. I was helpless on my knees, unable yet to regain my balance owing to the huge bumps.

"Starboard, you fool!" I yelled, but Saunders merely gazed ahead, his jaw stuck out like an Epstein statue and his eyes so fixed that I forced my nose over the gunn'l to look.

At that instant I perceived about a hundred yards away the conning-tower of a submarine emerging from the water as the vessel surfaced. A sheet of spray set up by our wake struck me, rolling me down again.

The next I knew was the shock of impact which brought our mast and sails to the deck with a crash. Over the stern as the Lovely Louisa sprang into the air I saw the submarine turning over, a yard wide tear in her tower.

Saunders again heaved on the tiller. The Lovely Louisa stood up on edge, casting adrift in one movement her sails, mast, dinghy, McCulloch and the ship's cat, all into he sea. When we regained even keel we were heading dead for the E-boat at forty-five knots.

The enemy crew were so bewildered at this unexpectedly swift development that quite half of them still lined the ship's side and the vessel, with no way on, was a sitting bird upon the water.

In fact, no more then three bursts from a single machine-gun met us, ineffectively, too, owing to the immense leaps we were making over our course.

"Aim for the stern," I screamed, but Saunders was already doing that. We cut it off clean. E-boat 257Z sank in approximately ninety seconds.

Later we located McCulloch sitting on the mast nursing the ship's cat, and taking the dinghy and other gear in tow were able to pick up eleven survivors from the E-boat, including the commander, who appeared to be suffering from shock.

Nothing more was seen of the other craft except oil which I regret has further discoloured our sails.

Damage has been sustained to our camouflaged wooden hull and fittings but the cutting efficiency of the Lovely Louisa's ram is unimpaired, and will not require regrinding.

Having disposed of our prisoners in harbour I immediately inquired into C.P.O. Saunders' disobedience to orders, namely, steering to port when ordered to starboard.

Saunders, in defence, stated that he had previously spotted the periscope of the submarine on the surface, and being slightly deaf did not understand my order.

As his act resulted in the destruction of the submarine and taking into consideration the fact that repairs to the Lovely Louisa's camouflage will take approximately fourteen days, I therefore sentenced him to fourteen days' special leave for the purpose of visiting an aural expert in London. C.P.O. (artificer) Goddard was at the same time detailed to accompany him to ensure of this being carried out.

Andrew McCulloch, A.B., asked for a similar period of absence to enable him to visit one of his wives in a north-eastern port. This was also granted.

My own favourite aunt Lettice, who resides in Mayfair, is becoming bored with quiet nights, and I should like a few days' leave myself to permit me to accompany her to a night club or two.

(Signed)
RICHARD ALWYN SMITHSON,
Lt., R.N.

The End.

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person.

WONDERFUL STORY TO TELL

Posted as missing on 3rd October, Pte. James Reginald Gutrige has written from Germany to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gutrige, of 20 Allenby-road, Ramsgate.

In his letter he says he is quite fit and well and when he returns home will have a wonderful story to tell.

Aged 21, James is an old boy of Ellington School. He joined The Buffs about three and a half years ago and afterwards transferred to the East Surrey Regiment. He was with that regiment in the Central Mediterranean Force when taken prisoner.

St. Peter's New Vicar

APPOINTMENT OF REV. L. C. SARGENT

A former chairman of the Isle of Thanet Conservative Association, the Rev. Laurens Christopher Sargent, better known in Thanet as Major Sargent, has been appointed Vicar of St. Peter's in succession to the Rev. L. F. H. Hamel Smith.

A resident of Westgate, where he was a private tutor for a number of years, Major Sargent served on the old Westgate Parish Council, being chairman in 1932 and 1933. He also represented the Council on the committee of Margate General Hospital.

Major Sargent left Westgate soon after the incorporation of Westgate in the borough of Margate. He was ordained in 1937 and became curate of Tingewick, Oxfordshire. At the present time he is Rector of West Harndon with Ingrave, Brentwood, Essex.

Major Sargent has taken part in the B.B.C. programmes "Letters in the Sand," in Children's Hour, and also the early morning religious talks, "Lift up your hearts."

The date of the induction and institution at St. Peter's has not yet been fixed.

The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge at St. Peter's, expects to leave the parish soon after the induction of Major Sargent to become a naval chaplain.

MAYOR'S WAR RELIEF FUND

EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO RAMSGATE APPEAL

There has already been an excellent response to the appeal made by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman G. W. Twigger) on behalf of the Ramsgate War Relief Fund.

Up to Monday the sum subscribed amounted to £166 13s. 6d.

The first list of donations is as follows:

His Worship the Mayor of Ramsgate, £5; County Laundry (Ramsgate) Ltd., £3 3s.; Mr. W. H. Maskell, £1; Anon., 5s.; Mr. F. W. Harryman, £1; Mr. W. J. Jordan (High Commissioner for New Zealand), £1 1s.; Councillor J. Martin, 10s.; Messrs. Scarlett and Goldsack, £2 2s.; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Curtis, £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stead, £1; Mr. Percy F. Weeks, £1 1s.; Mr. F. P. Newbery, £1 1s.; Miss M. A. Andrewes, £2; Councillor Dr. and Mrs. A. Duffy, £1; Mr. R. Clarke, £1 2s. 6d.; Mr. Leslie Hogbin, £1 1s.; Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, £1 1s.; Mr. W. Edis, 10s.; Mr. E. G. Butcher, £2; Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, £1 1s.; Councillor and Mrs. H. Farmer, 10s.; Mr. J. Brown, 10s. 6d.; Alderman W. Hawkins, £2 2s.; Councillor E. Gray, £1; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dean, 5s.;

Mr. W. F. Stone, £5; Mr. F. L Drayson, 10s. 6d.; Councillor Mrs. H. L. Nicholson, £1 1s.; Mr. L. N. Watts, £1 1s.; Mr. H. E. Bawn and Sect. Off. F. M. Bawn, £2; Mr E. Barber, £1 1s.; William Younger and Co. Ltd., £5; W.V.S. members and friends (Ramsgate), £2 2s.; James Wright (Ramsgate) Ltd., £1 1s.; Mr. H. E. Swendell, 10s.; Rogers Radio (L. G. Pilcher), £1 1s.; Rev. and Mrs. G. Bennett, £2 2s.; Mr. A. C. Kelson (exors. of Mr. T. Kelson, decd.), £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Kiy, £1 1s.; Mr. H. R. Hubbell, 10s. 6d.; Mr. A. F. Simmonds, £1 1s.; Messrs. Lewis and Hyland, £3 3s.; Miss Alice M. Bailey, 2s. 6d.; Dr. A. N. Gordon, £1; A and B Garages Ltd., £1 1s.; Messrs. Robinson and Allfree, £2 2s.; Messrs. Vye and Son, £5 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Edwards, £3 3s.; the Ramsgate Labour Party, £1 1s.; W. H. Bligh and Co. Ltd., £1 1s.;

Mr. and Mrs. W. Morgan, 10s.; Mr. F. Card, 5s.; Messrs. Grummant Bros., £5 5s.; Dr. G. Gillett, £2 2s.; Mr. G. le B. Diamond, £2 2s.; Capt. the Rt. Hon. Harold Balfour, M.P., £2 2s.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Tippett, £1 1s.; Isle of Thanet Rediffusion Service Ltd., £10; Miss M. J. H. Lumbus, £2; Mr. K. B. Billingham, £1 1s.; Mrs. E. M. Billingham, £1 1s.; Mr. A. Bax Chambers, £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgan, 10s. 6d.; Mr. R. V. Cro, £5; Mr. W. H. Bass, 12s.; Messrs. Cobb and Co. (the Margate Brewery), £1; Mr. Chas. Nixon, £1 1s.; Messrs. Alfred Olby Ltd., £5 5s.; Mr. A. A. Illsley, £1; Mr. H. G. Childs, 10s. 6d.; Mr. H. E. Wright, 10s. 6d.; Anon., £1; Dr. H. M. Cargin, £1; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. J. Clean, £1 1s.; Messrs. T. Horne and Co., £2 2s.;

Col. E. E. Ogier, £1; Dr. C. Sharpe, £1 1s.; Abbott Bros. (Kent) Ltd., £2 2s.; St. George's Charities for the Poor, £5 5s.; Mr. H. C. Sims, £1 1s.; Dr. B. H. Palmer, £1 1s.; Mr. H. Kenyon Daniel, £2 2s.; Councillor and Mrs. G. J. B. Ballard, £1 1s.; Mr. Harry Hall, 10s. 6d.; Mr. W. H. Copestake, 10s. 6d.; Mr. G. M. Fielding, £2 2s.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Davies, £1 1s.; Group Services Ltd. (Mr. W. Balcombe), £5; Miss Ida E. Helm, £1 1s.; Messrs. W. W. Martin, £1 1s.; Anon., £1; Councillor and Mrs. A. R. Young, £1 1s.; "Kent Messenger" (Major H. R. Pratt Boorman), £2 2s.; Mr. T. and Mrs. M. Martin, 10s.; Faversham and Thanet Co-operative Society Ltd., 10s. 6d.; Councillor and Mrs. P. Turner, £5; Dr. J. V. Walker, £5.

STORY OF CHRISTMAS

CLARENDON HOUSE PLAY

A Nativity play presented by the scholars of Clarendon House, Ramsgate, at the Stafford Girls' High School, was enjoyed by parents, hosts and hostesses.

Beginning with a prologue incorporating the inspiring prophecies of the coming of the Messiah, the action of the play moved through four scenes—the Annunciation, the arrival at the inn, the vision of the shepherds on the hillside, and the stable at Bethlehem, where the kings and shepherds alike offered their gifts to the Holy Child. The words of the prophets in the epilogue ended the play on a note of peace. The scenes were linked together by music and carols which the whole school united in singing, so that the play was not only a spectacle but a corporate act of worship.

Miss Harris, who was responsible for the conception and production of the play, deserves congratulations on surmounting the difficulties inseparable from any war-time effort of this kind.

The school's carol service, which has become one of its institutions, was held at the high school a few days later. Lessons were read by the head girl and the deputy head girl.

HOSPITAL GIFTS

The following amounts were received by Ramsgate General Hospital during November:

Annual subscriptions—Miss I. Haswell (Cornwood, Devon), £3; Mr. James Newman (Broadstairs), £2; Mr. S. W. Smith and Westminster Bank, £1 1s. each.

Donations—Mrs. H. E. Rock (in memory of E.M.P.), £3; Ramsgate W.V.S. Centre (in memory of Mrs. C. S. Holthouse), £1 1s.; Mary and Beatrice Castell (in memory of Mrs. Eva Stock), 10s.

Box and church collections brought in £7. 3s. 10d. and contributory schemes £149 15s. 3d.

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WOMAN'S TRAGIC DEATH

WORRIED BY THRIFT CLUB SHORTAGE

Worried by shortages in money received by her from members of a thrift club, the wife of a Ramsgate licensee took her life by placing a flexible gas pipe in her mouth.

The sad story of the tragedy was heard by the Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) when he conducted an inquest on Wednesday concerning the death of Mrs. Grace Marjorie Lawrence, wife of Mr. F. W. Lawrence, of the Deal Cutter, King-street.

She was 41 years of age.

Mrs. Lawrence went downstairs in the early hours of Tuesday morning and her husband later found her sitting in a chair in the kitchen with the gas pipe in her mouth. Dr. A. N. Gordon told the Coroner that Mrs. Lawrence was probably already dead when found by her husband.

Frederick William Lawrence said he went to bed at about 10.40 on Monday evening but his wife retired a short time before that. She got out of bed about 4.15 a.m. and went downstairs, and when witness called to her she said she had pains in the stomach. As she did not come back he called again about half an hour later. She did not answer, so witness went down to see what was the matter. There was a light in the kitchen and when he opened the door wide he detected a strong smell of gas.

Went For Assistance.

"My wife was sitting in an armchair with a gas tube in her mouth," said Mr. Lawrence. "She had a cushion behind her head. The tube in her mouth had been disconnected from the gas ring."

Continuing, witness said he knocked the tube out of his wife's mouth and turned off the gas. Then he tried to give her artificial respiration by moving her arms about but could not manage this properly. Although he had learnt artificial respiration he could not lift his wife to carry it out in the orthodox manner.

Afterwards witness went to the cellar and turned off the gas at the main and then went to 11 Station Approach-road to summon his brother-in-law, Mr. Wigley. They both hurried back to King-street and Mr. Wigley felt Mrs. Lawrence's pulse. Sgt. Bromley was summoned but although artificial respiration was administered until the arrival of Dr. Gordon, their efforts were in vain.

Questioned by the Coroner, witness said he turned off the gas at the main in case his wife came to and attempted to use the gas pipe again. "I didn't quite know what to do," he answered when asked why he did not summon the police immediately instead of going to his brother-in-law. He thought it best to go to someone he knew.

Left a Note.

The Coroner: Don't you think that if you had gone to the police at the Market-place immediately that might have saved your wife's life?—She was, I think, gone when I got to her.

Witness said there was a note in his wife's handwriting lying in the room.

The Coroner read the note, which was as follows: "No one to blame but myself for this terrible shortage in club money. Each fortnight the brewer's bill has come in I have taken the money to pay. Oh, God, those poor people, my dear one."

Witness said there was a thrift club at the Deal Cutter and his wife used to put the money received into the Building Society in his name. On Monday the secretary o the club called and she told him she was going to draw the money on Tuesday or Wednesday. Witness had since found that the money was short.

"If she had confided in me I should have helped her to put the matter right," he said.

Dr. A. N. Gordon said he was called by the police shortly before 6 a.m. on Tuesday and went at once to the Deal Cutter. He found Sgt. Bromley and another police officer performing artificial respiration but, on examination, witness found that life was extinct. Mrs. Lawrence's appearance was consistent with coal gas poisoning, which was the cause of death.

Concentration of Gas.

Witness said that in view of the fact that the gas tube was in Mrs. Lawrence's mouth when she was found, the likelihood was that she was already dead. Half an hour would have been ample time for death to have occurred with such a concentration of gas.

William Joseph L. Wigley, a scrap merchant, of 11 Station Approach-road, said deceased was his wife's sister. Mr. Lawrence called for him at about 5.15 a.m. on Tuesday and they left for the Deal Cutter five minutes later. Mrs. Lawrence was lying on the armchair in the kitchen and when witness felt her pulse he could not detect any movement. Her face was cold and witness told Mr. Lawrence the only thing to do was to call the police.

P/S S. R. Bromley, Ramsgate Division, K.C.C., said he was on duty at the Market-place at 5.40 a.m. on Tuesday when Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Wigley informed him that somebody had gassed herself. Witness sent W/R Lucas to fetch Dr. Gordon, and then went to the Deal Cutter and saw deceased in a chair with her head inclined slightly to the right.

The body was still warm but the pulse was not beating. With the assistance of Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Wigley witness placed Mrs. Lawrence on the floor and applied artificial respiration and when W/R Lucas arrived back he was sent to summon the ambulance. The Novox breathing apparatus was applied until the arrival of Dr. Gordon.

Startled and Upset.

The Coroner, summing up, said he was sure it was a relief to Mr. Lawrence to know that, in all probability, his wife was already dead when he found her in the chair. It would have added very greatly to Mr. Lawrence's sorrow if he had thought that his wife might have lived but for a want of promptness in getting medical aid.

"I quite realise," he went on, "that Mr. Lawrence was startled and upset and, I think, to a certain extent lost his head and did not immediately warn the police or a doctor. In a case such as this it is essential that skilled assistance should be obtained at the earliest possible moment and in this case action might have been taken earlier than it was."

Mr. Robinson said he found a verdict that Mrs. Lawrence took her life while the balance of her mind was upset for reasons apparent from the postcard she left.

He and P/S Bromley, on behalf of the police, expressed their sympathy with Mr. Lawrence and other relatives.

RAMSGATE POLICE BALL

An attendance of over 500 showed that the ball held by the Ramsgate Division, K.C.C., at the West Cliff Theatre, was a welcome revival of the dances organised by the old borough force in peacetime.

Frederic Hargreaves' band provided the music and various competitions added to the fun.

C/I H. G. Butcher expressed thanks to the Mayor (Alderman G. W. Twigger) and Mayoress and others who had supported the event. He made special reference to members of the entertainment department, the organisers of the dance and the generosity of those special constables who had volunteered to go on duty in order to enable members of the regular force to attend.

Those present included the Deputy Chief Constable of Kent (Mr. W. Palmer), Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Butcher, Capt. Howard, R.N., and Mrs. Howard, Cmdr. Owen, R.N., and Mrs. Owen, the Vicar of Ramsgate (the Rev. George Bennett) and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. C. S. J. Taylor, Temp. C/I R. Hicks, Inspr. Bartlett, and senior officers of the special constabulary, the Royal Navy, the Army and the Air Force.

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Borrowed Car

TO RETURN TO BILLET

Two soldiers, Gnrs. James Thomson, aged 40, and John James Lewis, aged 30, who borrowed a car in order to return to their billet, appeared on remand before the magistrates at Margate police court on Wednesday.

The men were charged with stealing the car, value £165, the property of Horace William Cousens, of Goodwin-road, and with taking it and driving it away without the owner's consent.

The larceny charge was withdrawn and defendants were each fined £2 on the charge of taking the car away. Lewis was fined a further £1 for driving while uninsured and without a licence.

D/C Lilliott said that at 11.15 p.m. on 9th December he was cycling home off duty along Northdown Park-road and had reached the junction of Richmond-avenue when a saloon car, which he recognised as belonging to Mr. Cousens, overtook him. It was being driven in the direction of Laleham-road and after passing him it swerved violently to the offside and then back again. On reaching the junction with The Ridgeway it slowed down and started to turn, but then swerved out again.

Suspicions Aroused.

Witness' suspicions were aroused by the driving because he knew Mr. Cousens to be a steady driver who knew the roads well, whereas the driver of the car did not seem to know where he was going. He followed the car on his cycle and saw the car almost pass the junction of Laleham-road and then swerve into that road. When he reached Laleham-road he saw the car stationary about 100 yards from the corner, and as he reached it Lewis was about to get out. Thomson was in the rear seat. Witness told them who he was and asked for their names and identity cards, but they refused to give them. He told them he would arrest them for stealing the car and after some difficulty got them back to Northdown Park-road, where he called on some soldiers to assist him.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan) inquired the nature of the difficulty which witness experienced.

"They struggled and tried to get away, and I had to more or less pull them up the road."

Continuing, he said the soldiers he called to would not give any assistance until the arrival some minutes later of R/S/M Johnson, of another unit, who called on the soldiers to assist after the position had been explained to him. With this assistance, witness took the men to a guard-room in the vicinity, where they were detained while he telephoned the police station for a police car. When charged with the offences, Lewis replied "I have nothing to say," and Thomson said "I did not steal." Witness added that both men had been drinking, but Lewis was not drunk.

Drew Two Weeks' Pay.

The men were given good characters by their commanding officer, who said they had not had a single charge against them since they had been in the Army. Apparently, he said, both men were under the influence of drink, Thomson being definitely drunk. They had both received two weeks' pay that day, and that, he thought, rather accounted for their condition. They had to be back in their billet by 11 o'clock that night and went to a taxi they saw standing in the road, but there was no driver. Being under the influence of drink they took the car in order to get back to their billet without waiting for the driver.

In announcing the fines, the Mayor (Alderman F. J. Cornford) said the bench wished highly to commend D/C Lilliott on his alertness and smartness in dealing with the case. He showed great powers of observation and very great devotion to duty.

TREATING OUR COWS AS INDIVIDUALS

Good cows deserve good management. That was the first point made by three farmers in a recent broadcast in the "Cattle at the Crossroads" series. The better the cow, the better the management she demands, if she is to show her worth.

Our broadcasters agreed that cows, like humans, have their individuality and should be treated as individuals, though they recognised that that is not easy with large herds. They were unanimous that no herd should ever exceed 60, whatever the system under which it is kept.

Mr. Clyde Higgs, of Warwickshire, one of the three broadcasters, said he milked four herds of 50 Ayrshire each under the bail system. The other two told him they thought his cows were much too good for that treatment. Though his herd average (including heifers) is 600 gallons—very good for the bail!—his colleagues felt that it might well be nearer 900 gallons if the cows were kept in the usual way. Mr. Higgs' reply was that he was not a dairy farmer but a mixed farmer with a dairy bias; he kept cows not only to give milk but to fertilise his land as cheaply and as effectively as possible.

One criticism of both the movable bail and the milking parlour was that they do not allow the high yielders enough time to consume their full ration of concentrates.

With much more straw available on so many farms to-day, our broadcasters agreed that the system under which cows are laid in covered yards—being brought into the shed only for milking—had much to be said for it. It not only saves labour and makes a lot of good farmyard manure, but the cows are more comfortable and easier to keep clean. It had been proved possible, said the compere, to produce really clean milk under this system.

While our three farmers agreed that milk recording is the best of all sound up-to-date dairying systems, it was pointed out that if this were really so the proportion of up-to-date dairies in Britain is extremely low. Though two of them milked by machine, both agreed this was second best; if they could get good hand-milkers, they would much prefer hand-milking for many good reasons.

C.E.M.A. Concert.—Murray Davis (baritone), Eve Kisch (flute) and Dorothy Hogben (piano) were the artistes in a concert given by the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts in Broadstairs Council Chamber of Wednesday.

AIR MASTERY

MEANS DEATH TO THE U-BOATS

By the certain destruction of six out of 15 submarines, which tried to overtake three Atlantic convoys, the long-range aircraft of the R.A.F. and of the American Forces have shown how the German system of hunting in packs is now answered by concentrations of Allied air power wherever danger threatens on the ocean routes. The technique which has been worked out for the Atlantic will have an equally important application when big convoys have to be sent to forward bases near Japan.

This is one of the tasks in air warfare in which range is more important than speed. The honours in this latest Atlantic battle went to the Liberators which have a flying range, with a normal military load, of at least 2,500 miles. The Liberator may cruise at little more than 200 m.p.h. but it is a magnificent load carrier and it can generally afford the time to search thoroughly and, if necessary, to wait patiently.

Hunting the Fox.

One of the Liberator pilots, in his report of sinking one submarine, wrote that it crash-dived before he could get into position to let go his depth charges. "But," he added, "I decided to stay around although we were getting near the limit of our fuel; and an hour and twenty minutes later, it surfaced again in the same place and we got him." That gives a good picture of submarine hunting. It has some of the quality of fox-hunting without the ability to put in a terrier to get the fox out when it goes to earth.

The Battle of the Atlantic still presents many of the same conditions as it did when shipping losses were heavy. What accounts for the marked decrease in sinkings is the number of aircraft now available and the method of using them. With really long-range aircraft, the policy of waiting for the fox near the hen coops has been well developed. Given bases in Britain, Iceland and North America, for such a variety of aircraft as Sunderlands, Hudsons, Venturas and Liberators, the convoys could have company in the air all the way across.

Three other sides of the matter have received attention and still are not neglected when conditions allow. The fox was caught whenever possible near his own home by patrols over the Bay of Biscay. He was chased near the convoys by Swordfish flown from escort carriers. And his breeding places at Hamburg, Bremen, Kiel and other ports were bombed mercilessly by British and American heavy bombers. But the watchers out in the ocean serve as the chief protection. When they find a submarine pack and report it, plenty of extra aircraft can be directed to the scene of operations.

In the 10-hour action which took place recently, one Liberator had to wait its turn while two others went in to the attack. Ten hours, in the autumn, no doubt exhausted the daylight, but it was long enough for additional aircraft to arrive from land bases and more than enough for others to be diverted from patrol courses to the north or south of that which the submarines were following. Such an action shows how profitable the system of looking for the U-boats near their objectives can be. The alternative method of moving over all the wide waters of the Atlantic in the hope of blotting out the submarines before they get near the convoys, would spread available air power too thinly.

In the Pacific, Too.

The method of dealing with the submarine at the present stage is that of interception. It rests on the knowledge that the submarine must travel on the surface if it is to make contact with a convoy. It may do five knots submerged but that would not enable it to overtake or cut off a convoy moving at eight to ten knots. On the surface it can make a good 17 or 18 knots.

Until the enemy can be denied the use of bases in France, Denmark and Norway this is the most effective method. If he should be restricted to bases in the North Sea, his submarines will be trapped in the narrow exits as they were a quarter of a century ago. And there will still be another field of operations in which all this Atlantic experience will prove of the greatest value. The Pacific is another open ocean, too big to be swept but provided with islands from which long-range aircraft could patrol strictly defined shipping lanes, as British, Canadian and American aircraft are now patrolling the Atlantic.

BROADSTAIRS

Savings.—Savings certificates £103, defence bonds £15 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £782 made up a total of £900 invested in national savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ended 11th December.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Mr. W. Lawrence, Pte. Wilkinson, Pte Hall, Ldg.-Acm. Callings, Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Barker won the prizes at the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel. The M.C. was Mr. W. Lawrence.

Bring and Buy.—About £15 was raised for providing women helpers for chaplains to the forces by a "bring and buy" sale at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading Street. Sgt. Sheila Weekes, W.A.A.F., who opened the sale, gave an account of work done in Thanet. The event was organised by Mrs. Woodin.

Funeral of Mrs. Cairns.—The Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie officiated when the funeral took place at St. Peter's on Wednesday of Mrs. Cairns, who died at Shoreham-on-Sea the previous Saturday. Ninety-three years old, Mrs. Cairns lived with her daughter in the Vale, Broadstairs, before the war.

Religious Revival.—Speaking at the Vale Congregational Church, Broadstairs, the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie referred to his experiences during the Welsh religious revival in 1904-1905, which he said was spontaneous, independent of men and methods, and ethical in its effects. He emphasised the need for a revival of religion to-day.

Confirmation.—There were 53 candidates from St. Peter's and St. Andrew's and eight from Holy Trinity when the Bishop of Dover (the Rt. Rev. Canon A. C. W. Rose) conducted a confirmation service at Broadstairs Parish Church. The Bishop was assisted by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) and the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith was the Bishop's chaplain.

Death of Mr. T. O'Halloran.—A member of the old Margate Athletic Club and Broadstairs Rowing Club in his younger days, Mr. Thomas O'Halloran has died in his 71st year. He spent the greater part of his life in Kingsgate and with his brother William and Mr Harry Bing took part in regattas at coast towns. A member of the old Isle of Thanet Chrysanthemum Society, he was a regular exhibitor at their annual shows. For 18 years he was head gardener at Kingsgate Castle under the late Lord Avebury. His wife who, as Miss Marion Beard, was well-known in Margate musical circles, died 18 months ago.

REMOTE CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

HARSH AND HEARTLESS

RAMSGATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE FLARE-UP

The customary placidity of the meetings of Ramsgate Education Committee was shattered on Wednesday morning.

The meetings usually are over so quickly that not infrequently the chairman (Alderman W. T. Smith) has apologised to the press for sending them away without any "copy."

It was unfortunate that Wednesday's little storm—another echo of the Government tendency to weaken the hands of local authorities—should have arisen in the course of an expression of thanks to Alderman Smith for his services.

The report of the Education Committee in committee stated that Alderman Smith had been re-elected chairman of the Education Committee for the ensuing year and that Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel had been re-elected vice-chairman.

Moving the adoption of the report, Councillor Harcourt Samuel said he had the pleasure in committee of moving Alderman Smith's re-election and wished to repeat how grateful they were for the work he had done despite his residence out of the town. He had come into Ramsgate for everything that was required of him and the committee had had a very happy year under his leadership.

Big Changes Ahead.

Big changes loomed ahead, said the vice-chairman. At the moment they were not sure whether they would continue in being as a committee after the passing of the Education Bill or whether they would continue in another form.

"The cause of education will suffer if all control is removed to a remote place like Maidstone, and the interest which has been taken by the city fathers in the welfare of the children is forced to come to an end," said the vice-chairman. "Fortunately in this county at least, there are indications that this will not be so, and we hope the same will apply to other parts of the country."

It was this quite moderate and fair statement of opinion by Councillor Harcourt Samuel that provoked some surprising comments on the part of Alderman C. R. Woodhams.

Alderman Woodhams said he agreed with the vice-chairman's references to the services rendered by Alderman Smith but he did not think it should be put in the press that the committee was not in favour of what was being done for the betterment of the education of the working classes of this country. He thought the time had arrived when a move was being made in the right direction.

"Unfair and Unjust."

"What is being done for the benefit of the children of this country has been thought out by better brains than are sitting round this table," continued Alderman Woodhams. "It is for the betterment of the country. I feel for anyone to take advantage of this meeting to give a biased opinion regarding what is being done is unfair and unjust."

The members were so surprised at what appeared to be an attack on the vice-chairman at a time when the meeting was expresing its thanks to the chairman, that there was an awkward pause.

Alderman Smith said he had always taken a great interest in education in the town and the Education Committee was one of the best committees of the Council on which he served. They usually got through their meetings without any ill-feeling. While he had the strength he would always do all in his power for the cause of education.

Councillor P. Turner said he did not want to enter into a discussion but he thought it necessary that someone should reply to what Alderman Woodhams had said.

Pulling a Fast One.

For a member of the committee to suggest that Councillor Harcourt Samuel was against the new education proposals was "pulling a fast one." He was sure the vice-chairman did not imply that in his remarks. He was opposed, as were most people, to the taking away of local interest from education. He was opposed to administration by "remote control." Those of them who were in business knew what that meant.

"It is a curse," declared Councillor Turner. "They are too far away to understand local problems and they don't care twopence. They are not interested. It is cold and harsh and there is no human understanding in it at all. That is my experience. Words fail me to describe some of the letters which I have received in the course of my business. These people have no heart at all. It is cold, harsh 'do as you are told.' We are fighting that kind of thing in this war. I am not going to sit down and allow that to happen without raising a protest. I think this committee should back up what Councillor Harcourt Samuel has said. We should not let go without a struggle.

Education For All.

"We are not against the better eudcation of the children," continued Councillor Turner. "Every member of this committee wants to see everything possible done for the children, whether poor, middle-class or anyone else. We want them to have a fair chance and for everyone to have an opportunity to go from the beginning to the university if possible. But we should feel apprehensive of the possibility of remote control in relation to education."

The chairman said he thought Alderman Woodhams had misconstrued what Councillor Harcourt Samuel had said. They all knew of the interest which had been taken locally in the schools, whether provided or non-provided. There was strong feeling throughout the country against the control of schools being taken from the hands of local authorities and vested in county councils. So far it was only a suggestion in the Government White Paper. The matter had yet to come before Parliament when a good deal would be said against that aspect of the proposals. With the exception of one or two things, they were all in favour of the proposals and the Education Committee had expressed that view some time previously. He had no doubt that certain modifications would be made.

Alderman Woodhams rose to speak again but the chairman pointed out that as it was a public meeting he could speak once only.

Alderman Woodhams: I protest. I feel something has been said that I should reply to.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel: I have yet to reply to you, my friend.

The report was adopted without further comment.

At the Cinemas

POWER OF THE PRESS

MIRTH AND DRAMA AT KING'S

The famous Madame Du Barry is portrayed in technicolor on the screen of the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

To-night (Tuesday) and to-morrow Guy Kibbee and Gloria Dickson are seen in "The Power of the Press," the former as a small-town editor called to New York to take over the management of a vicious paper controlled by a power-seeking traitor. Determined to clean up the paper, Kibbee meets opposition from every one of the staff, especially Lee Tracy, the managing editor. Don't be misled by the title of the supporting film, "City Without Men," for besides Linda Darnell it features Edgar Buchanan and Michael Duane.

Mirth, melody and glamour in plenty are provided by the colourful "Du Barry Was a Lady," showing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with Red Skelton, Lucille Ball and Gene Kelly in the leading parts. It deals with Red Skelton as a cloakroom attendant in a night club having a dream that Lucille Ball, with whom he has fallen in love, is Mme. Du Barry and that he is King Louis. His love rivals and other associates become figures in the dream and plot against the monarch, and other intrigues serve to keep the comedy at a high point. "Below the Border," also being shown, stars Buck Jones in another of his outdoor action thrillers.

SO PROUDLY WE HAIL

CLAUDETTE COLBERT AT ODEON

The Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week offers its patrons two outstanding films—the re-issue of "The Four Feathers" and "So Proudly We Hail," one of this year's greatest screen dramas.

"The Four Feathers," showing to-night (Tuesday) and to-morrow, presents A. E. W. Mason's famous story in technicolor. It is an intriguing and realistic tale of one of the Egyptian campaigns towards the end of the last century and, as a change from modern times, shows war as it was fought in another age. Highly spectacular—it has one of the largest casts ever presented on the screen—the film is played by such notable stars as John Clements, Ralph Richardson, June Duprez, C. Aubrey Smith, Frederick Culley, Donald Gray and Jack Allen. Mickey Rooney and Anne Nagel appear in the supporting film, "Yesterday's Hero."

"So Proudly We Hail" heads the bill for the latter half of the week and presents Claudette Colbert, Paulette Goddard and Veronica Lake in a poignant story of the U.S. Army nurses in Bataan and Corregidor during a gallant fight against overwhelming odds. These girls are from typical American homes and their stories are told in flash-backs. They relate their adventures to an army doctor (Ted Hecht), who is trying to bring one of their number (Claudette Colbert) out of a coma caused by her belief that her husband has been killed. The programme also includes "World of Plenty," which shows how food is grown, harvested, marketed and eaten.

STAGECOACH

ANN SOTHERN AT PICTURE HOUSE

Adventure, human drama and comedy make a good blend of entertainment at Ramsgate Picture House this week.

"Stagecoach," the main presentation to-night (Tuesday) and to-morrow, tells a story of the days when a journey across the United States could not be made without the ever-present danger of Indian tribes. It introduces its travellers as passengers in a stagecoach—Louise Platt travelling to meet her officer husband at a frontier outpost, Donald Meek, a whisky salesman, Thomas Mitchell, a doctor, John Carradine, a mysterious gambler, and Claire Trevor, as a rather shady character forced to leave Tonto. Miss Trevor meets John Wayne, the co-star, who is an outlaw, and romance blossoms. "Private Nurse," featuring Sally Blane, is a complete contrast.

Ann Sothern experiences her latest "Maisie" adventure in "The Girl in Overalls," showing for the second half of the week. In this film she turns from trouping to aircraft factory work and, in addition to many comic experiences, finds a new romance with a test pilot (James Craig). Jean Rogers, as a jealous love rival, accuses Maisie of sabotage. There is much comedy and a little drama in the supporting film, "Youth Takes a Hand," starring Alan Baxter, Gertrude Michael and Tully Marshall.

FUNERAL OF MR. FRED POINTER

The funeral took place at St. Peter's of Mr. Fred Pointer, of Church-street, who died at the age of 81.

A life-long resident in the village, Mr. Pointer was a son of the late Mr. Augustus Pointer, a member of the old Local Board. For several years Mr. Fred Pointer carried on business as a builder but afterwards worked as a carpenter and retired about ten years ago.

The family mourners were Flt.-Sgt. F. Pointer, R.A.F., and Mrs. Pointer (son and daughter-in-law), Miss E. Pointer (daughter). Messrs. A. and G. Pointer (brothers), Mr. W. Baldock (son-in-law), Miss C. Pointer and Miss Holly.

THANET ECHOES

by The Listener

Modest Alderman

As reported fully on another page, Alderman Charlie Woodhams caused quite a stir at Wednesday's meeting of Ramsgate Education Committee. Some months ago the committee, without one dissentient voice, placed on record their welcome of the Government's new deal in education with the exception of the proposal to take the administration of elementary education out of the hands of local education committees. It now appears that Alderman Woodhams is a Government whole-hogger and accepts their proposals hook, line and sinker. If my memory serves me right, Alderman Woodhams also supported the amalgamation of the police forces and a consequent weakening of local government powers in this area. Alderman Woodhams is probably best capable of judging whether or not he is a fit and proper person to be the guardian of the education of the younger generation. Apparently other members of the Council have a higher opinion of Alderman Woodhams' abilities than he has himself or they would not have elected him to the Education Committee. Modesty is an admirable quality but an excess of modesty may prove a dangerous thing. We can all look round and find more able people than ourselves but this does not imply that we are not capable collectively of governing ourselves in a democratic way. By his remarks Alderman Woodhams cast a reflection not only on his own but on the ability of every one of his colleagues on the Education Committee, a number of whom are not members of the Council. Many people suffer from a mistaken idea of their own importance but it is not so frequent that one comes across a member of a local authority with an inferiority complex.

Remote Control

It was unfortunate that this little storm should have come in the middle of a tribute to the services of the Education Committee chairman, Alderman W. T. Smith. But in a way Alderman Woodhams performed a public service for it provided Councillor P. Turner with an excellent opportunity once more to focus attention on the dangers of regional government or, as he termed it, government by remote control. Obviously there is a lot to be said both for and against centralisation in administration. If sheer efficiency is all that is wanted without regard to the individual it could no doubt be achieved in this way. The Nazi state is nothing if it is not efficient, but fortunately there are few in this country who will subscribe to it. The democratic method may be cumbersome at times but we would rather have it with all its shortcomings in preference to any form of dictatorship. What we are striving for in this war is not the right to do as we like as individuals but to govern ourselves in our own way, having always in mind the greatest good of the greatest number. Because local authorities have made mistakes in the past it does not follow that they should be abolished. Alderman Woodhams has been known to make a mistake. Back in the summer he laid me odds of a pound to a penny that Alderman Twigger would not be Mayor this year. Since the Mayor's Distress Fund is now in very low water perhaps Alderman Woodhams would care to send that pound along to Alderman Twigger with The Listener's compliments, together with his own donation.

SENT TO APPROVED SCHOOL

BOY'S UNSATISFACTORY CONDUCT

A ten-year-old boy burst into tears when the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday ordered him to be sent to an approved school for two years.

Together with another boy, aged 12, he admitted breaking and entering 34 York-street, Ramsgate, on 25th October, and stealing £1 1s. and six bars of chocolate belonging to Percy George Castell.

A month ago the ten-year-old lad was sent to a remand home for observation and when he again appeared before the magistrates a fortnight later it was stated that he had been very troublesome while at the home. The bench decided to give him another chance and sent him back to the home for a further report on his conduct.

When he was brought before the bench on Tuesday the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) read the report of the home superintendent, which stated that there was little sign of improvement in the lad's behaviour.

The father told the court that the lad's grandfather, living in South Wales, was willing for the boy to go there to live with him, but the Chairman (Capt. H. E. Rock) remarked that that would not be fair to the people of South Wales.

Capt. Rock announced that the boy would be returned to the remand home until a vacancy could be found for him in an approved school.

A satisfactory report was received about the other boy, who had also been to a remand home for two weeks.

Both the Chairman and Mr. Knight expressed their opinion that the boy's home surroundings, according to the report of the Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Bray), were unsatisfactory.

The boy's father told the magistrates he had no knowledge of the allegations which had been made at the court concerning his wife's conduct. He was working in Scotland and earning £4 18s. a week, out of which he sent £2 10s. to £2 15s. to his wife.

Speaking of the conditions at the home he declared "They are not too bad."

Asked if he thought the boy's home surroundings were satisfactory he said "He has a good roof over his head."

Mr. Knight: And that is about all apparently.

After a brief retirement Capt. Rock told the boy "After worrying considerably about this case we have decided to place you on probation for two years."

Addressing the father, the Chairman said "During that time the home conditions should be improved. We leave it to you to do your utmost."

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WARNING TO "TWISTERS"

COUNCIL AND RATE DEFAULTERS

Margate people who can but do not pay their rates may, in future, find a bailiff distraining on their possessions.

The Council are seeking to obtain the part-time services of a bailiff to execute distress warrants in cases where the magistrates grant leave to distrain for arrears of rates.

The report of the Finance Committee presented at Tuesday's meeting of the Council stated that the Borough Treasurer had reported on the necessity for executing distress warrants in certain cases of non-payment of rates. The committee recommended that, if possible, arrangements should be entered into with Whitstable Urban District Council for the part-time services of Mr. J. W. Freeman as the Corporation's bailiff.

Councillor S. W. Paul said it was rather disturbing that in wartime, when Margate people were so badly hit, it was necessary for the Council to give powers to distrain for rates. Was it absolutely necessary, he asked, to "come down" on people to that extent?

Alderman G. A. Abbott then read an extract from the Borough Treasurer's report, stating "Leave to distrain is only applied for where the circumstances warrant such a course and, moreover, is only granted where the magistrates are satisfied that the circumstances justify this step being taken. . . . It has become increasingly apparent that there is a small number of ratepayers who are deliberately trying to take advantage of the present difficult situation and avoid meeting their liabilities."

People suffering hardship, said Alderman Abbott, had only to go to the Borough Treasurer to have their cases properly dealt with. The recommendation, he said, "only deals with twisters."

The Mayor (Alderman F. J. Cornford) said there were a certain few in the town who could pay but wouldn't. It was only to them that the course was intended to apply.

Alderman G. B. Farrar remarked that every business man knew that there was always someone who would dodge paying if he could.

The report was adopted.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

After service overseas Air-Mech. J. Carman, R.F.C., of King-street, Ramsgate, is in hospital in this country.

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Capt. H. C. Norman, released from military service, has now resumed the headmastership of Ramsgate County School for Boys.

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The removal this week of German officer prisoners from Chatham House, Ramsgate, gives ground for consideration of the reconstruction process that must take place in the near future.

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Miss Margery Fox sailed for India on Thursday to marry Capt. C. S. F. Witts, of The Buffs.

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Mr. Fred Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stone, bakers, of King-street, Ramsgate, is now mine-sweeping in the Black Sea.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

In Ramsgate over 1,000 signatures have been added in the past few days to the petition against the proposal to purchase land at Haine for the new isolation hospital.

The directors of the Thanet Coal Co, have arranged for the purchase of the Kent Coal Co.

During the severe gale on Tuesday three large plate glass windows were blown in at Mr. J. Austen's grocery store in High-street, Ramsgate. Part of the horse ornamenting the top of Sanger's Amphitheatre was also blown off.

A Market Gardeners' and Buyers' Association has been formed in Ramsgate with Mr. T. S. Lawrence as chairman.

On his retirement from Ramsgate police force, P/C Oclee has been presented with a purse containing 32 sovereigns subscribed in the town.

Although offered by auction on Thursday, the flour mill in Grange-road, Ramsgate, was not sold.

Miss Sarah Thorne has engaged Mr. Arthur Carpenter's No. 1 company to open at her Margate theatre on Boxing Night with the famous play "Mr. Middleman."

LAST TRIBUTES

FUNERAL OF COUNCILLOR G. W. LANE

Members of the Council and officials from neighbouring towns and other parts of Kent were among those who attended the funeral at St. Peter's on Thursday of Councillor Gerald William Lane, Deputy Chairman of Broadstairs Council, whose death was announced in our last issue.

The interment was preceded by a service in the church conducted by the priest-in-charge (the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith).

The chief mourners were Mrs. G. Crundell (daughter), Miss E. Foord, Sgt. Ronald W. Lane, R.A.F. (nephew), Miss O. Lane (niece), Mrs. H. W. Lane (sister-in-law), Mr. C. W. Ellis (brother-in-law), Lt.-Cmdr. C. W. J. Ellis, R.N.V.R. (nephew), Mr. F. H. Marsh and Mr. F. Paul.

Those present at the service included the Chairman of Broadstairs Council (Councllor H. Noble), Councillors B. Humphrey, F. Foster, O. Robinson, H. Bing, S. W. Fright, the Assistant Divisional Food Officer (Mr. L. G. Devereaux), the chairman of the East Kent Food Executive Officers' Association (Mr. R. S. Barnes, Hythe), the Deputy Food Executive Officer of Margate (Mr. W. L. Enderby), the Deputy Food Executive Officer of Ramsgate (Mr. H. H. Prestedge), the Deputy Food Executive Officer of Herne Bay (Mr. Willis Alexander), Mr. Percy Shelvey (representing Broadstairs Food office); Mr. E. F. Owen (Clerk to Broadstairs Council), Mr. F. H. Ward (Deputy Clerk), Mr. S. A. Gifford (Treasurer), Mr. F. S. Barrow (Sanitary Inspector), Mr. A. J. Nichols, Mr. H. G. Curtis (Town Clerk of Ramsgate), Mr. P. T. Grove (Town Clerk of Margate), Mr. F. A. May (chairman) and Mr. W. M. Darvill (secretary) (representing North Foreland Golf Club), Mr. J. B. Reed (Broadstairs and St. Peter's Conservative Association), Mr. G. Kay and Mr. G. Spencer Payne (St. Lawrence Lodge of Freemasons), Messrs. L. D. Lopes, A. T. Tucker, A. G. Hiscoke, F. B. Salt, A. E. Smith and C. A. Roberts (Bradstow Lodge of Freemasons), Mr. W. W. Wetherill (secretary of the Isle of Thanet Building Society), Mr. R. Clayton (Messrs. Alex Cowan and Sons Ltd., London) and members of Mr. Lane's staff.

Councillor B. J. Pearson and Councillor E. K. Minter were unable to attend owing to urgent business.

Following the committal, Freemasons scattered sprigs of acacia in the grave.

The undertaking arrangements were by Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Son Ltd., of Ramsgate and Broadstairs.

FOSTERING COMRADESHIP

RAMSGATE NEXT-OF-KIN SALE

The result of the "bring and buy" American tea held by the local Next-of-Kin Depot of the Red Cross at St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate, last week, must have far exceeded the expectations of those who organised it.

A sum of no less than £100 15s. was raised by the depot for its parent organisation.

The Mayor (Alderman G. W. Twigger), who opened the event, emphasised the value of next-of-kin gatherings. They were fostering comradeship and having chats in the course of which news of husbands, sons and brothers came to light.

The organisation, he said, was doing a great deal to help people who might otherwise be miserable.

Those on the platform included the Mayoress, who was presented with a bouquet by little Pauline Jones, Lady Carson, Mrs. K. Howard (depot superintendent) and Mrs. M. E. Jones.

Mrs. Howard introduced the Mayor and Lady Carson, who thanked him for opening the effort, said she hoped he and Mrs. Twigger would enjoy a long term of office.

Among those present were the Vicar of Ramsgate (the Rev. George Bennett), Mrs. Bennett, Alderman W. Hawkins and Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn.

The competition results were announced by Pte. F. S. Penn, one of Ramsgate's repatriated prisoners of war.

Those who assisted included Miss C. Sanders, Mrs. Athill, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Pointer, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Solly, Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Gummer, while "character readings" were given by Madame X.

During the afternoon the following donations were received: employees of Mr. P. G. Houghton, £20 17s.; Mr. C. S. Martin, £10; Ramsgate W.V.S. and friends, £2 2s.; St. George's Girls' Central School, £1 9s. 10d.; staff of West Cliff College, £1; Mrs. Judge, 10s.; anonymous, 2s. 6d. and 5s. 3d.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the tea are expressed by Mrs. Howard, and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Duckett (secretary and co-treasurers).

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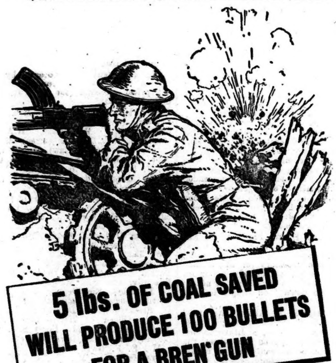

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THE FOOD FRONT

FEEDING THE CONVALESCENT

We often feel "off our oats" when recovering from a bad cold or other winter ailment. This feeling prevents us getting back to 100 per cent. efficiency, so the most sensible thing to do is to go in for light tempting but nourishing little dishes that will bridge the gap of convalescence and get us back to our own robust appetites. Some suggestions for the cook who caters for these chancey appetites will be useful. The dishes should only be made in small quantities.

Creamed Fish.

3-4ozs. of cooked white fish or tinned salmon
3 tablespoonsful of white sauce
Chopped parsley
Seasoning

Flake the fish, remove all skin and bone, stir it into the white sauce with the parsley and seasoning. Re-heat, but do not allow it to boil. Serve with fingers of toast or, a little creamy mashed potato. Minced lamb, rabbit, sweetbread or sheep or calves' tongue may be used instead of fish, when obtainable.

Cauliflower and Salmon Savoury.

Part of a small cauliflower
2ozs. of tinned salmon
Seasoning
½ pint of white sauce
Watercress

Cook the cauliflower, divided into small sprigs, in salted water until tender. Add the skinned and boned fish to the sauce with the seasoning. Stir well. Put the cauliflower in a hot dish, pour the salmon sauce over it and serve at once with watercress.

Peasant Soup.

½lb. of vegetables
2-3 tablespoonsful of breadcrumbs
½oz. of cheese
½ pint of stock or water
2 tablespoonsful of parsley
Seasoning

Cook the prepared and sliced vegetables in the water or stock until tender. Add the crumbs and simmer for a few minutes. Mash or sieve. Season and put in the chopped parsley and grated cheese just before serving.

Light Steamed Sponge.

2ozs. of flour
1oz. of sugar
Pinch of baking powder
1oz. of cooking fat or margarine
1 level tablespoonful of dried egg
Almond or vanilla essence
Milk to mix

Cream the fat and sugar. Mix the flour, dried egg and baking powder, and add it to the creamed fat and sugar alternately with the milk to make a soft consistency. Stir in the flavouring. Turn into a small greased basin and steam for 30 minutes.

Chocolate Cream.

This is a cool and refreshing sweet for throats still a little sore.

1oz. of flour
1 level teaspoonful of sugar
½ pint of milk or milk and water
1 level teaspoonful of cocoa
Vanilla flavouring

Mix the flour and cocoa to a smooth cream with a little of the milk or milk and water. Add the rest of the liquid. Bring to the boil and cook for 2-3 minutes until thick and creamy. Add the sugar and flavouring. Pour into a dish and allow to get cold before serving.

438 (Thanet) SQN. AIR TRAINING CORPS

Officer commanding—F/Lt. R. W. Spratling, R.A.F.V.R. (T.).

Orders for week ending 25th December.
To-day.—A, B, C, D and E Flts. parade at respective H.Qs. at 18.55 hrs. Instruction according to general timetable.
Wednesday.—E Flt. parade at 19.00 hrs. P.T. and games.
Thursday.—A, B, C and D Flts. parade at respective H.Qs. at 18.55 hrs. Instruction according to general timetable.
Friday.—No parades.
Orderly Officers and N.C.Os. according to Flts. D.R.Os.
Part 2.
Promotion.—Cdt. (1st cl.) 260 J. Todd to acting cpl. (C Flt.).
Christmas holiday.—No instruction for A, B, C and D Flts. from 23rd December to 3rd January; and for E Flt. from 22nd December to 11th January.
Social activities.—A Christmas social is to be held at E (Minster) H.Q. on 31st December. A concert, followed by a tea-dance, will be held at Sqdn. H.Q., Margate, on Saturday, 1st January, commencing at 15.00 hrs. All cadets, parents and friends of the A.T.C. are invited.
Christmas cards.—Cards ordered may now be obtained from flt.-sgts.

Frank A. Burgess, F/O, R.A.F.V.R. (T.)
Sqdn. Adjt., for C.O.

4th (THANET) CADET BN. THE BUFFS

Commanding Officer—Major H. D. Rose, T.A.R.O.
Battalion H.Q.—27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.
Orders for week commencing 19th December.
To-day.—A and C Coys. and Broadstairs Pltn. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.
Wednesday, 2nd December, to Sunday, 2nd January.—No parades.
Part 2.
H.Q. A Coy.—Lt. Wells, T., to be Capt. Lt. Farley, J. G. F., to be Capt. 2/Lt. Sims, D. R., to be Lieut. The undermentioned officer has relinquished his commission, w.o.f. 23-10-43, 2/Lt. Paterson, R. N.

T. Wells, Capt., T.A.R.O.
Adjt. for C.O.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

The 1944 national savings campaign, successor to War Weapons, Warship and Wings for Victory Weeks, is to be known as "Salute the Soldier."

The East Kent weeks have been arranged as follows:

Ramsgate—22nd-29th July; Margate—17th-24th June; Broadstairs—6th-13th May; Eastry Rural District—1st-8th July; Sandwich—29th April-6th May.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 5.23 p.m. TILL 8.33 a.m.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Tough Course Fred Claris, a former member of the Thanet A.T.C. Squadron, watches with interest the weekly news of his old colleagues, but says he cannot let the R.A.F. run away with all the credit. He is training to be a telegraphist air-gunner (T/A/G) in the R.N.A.S.

The course Fred is taking is tough and in his class only nine are left out of the original 43. In the first part of the course he had to pass out at 10 words per minute morse and 75 per cent. in wireless theory, aircraft recognition, rifle drill and gunnery. The standard pass after a further 12 weeks course was higher still—15 w.p.m. morse and 80 per cent. in all other subjects. Having passed that course, Fred is classified as an acting leading seaman.

In a letter to the squadron, Peter Brackenborough asks if it would be possible to start an old boys' club.

Although Donald Beard and Frank Ardley went up to the air-crew receiving centre together, they were sent to different initial training wings, the former going to Yorkshire and the latter to Cornwall.

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Films in Italy Formerly manager of the Plaza Cinema, Margate, Ldg.-Acm. Jack Kay, R.A.F., now gives 16 shows a week to the servicemen in Italy.

His cinema is in a town near the Desert Air Force Headquarters and he reports that business is as good as it was at home. In fact there's a full house every time and over 12,000 troops visit the cinema each week. It is equipped with only one projector so that at intervals there are breaks for re-threading the film. Some of the men get impatient when the lights go up but that cannot be avoided.

Ldg.-Acm. Kay is the only R.A.F. mobile cinema operator in Italy and has been lent to E.N.S.A. by the Welfare Branch of the Desert Air Force to show films in the forward areas.

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Brothers Meet Major David Cobb, R.A., and Sgt. Air-Gnr. John Cobb, two Margate brothers who had not seen each other for two years, recently met while on leave in Palestine.

A member of the Margate Territorial Battery in pre-war days, Major Cobb sailed for the Middle East about the end of 1940. He transferred to another battery of which he was given the command. Sgt. Cobb trained in South Africa before going to North Africa for posting.

The brothers visited the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem. "To get there," wrote John, "we went through the most awful alleys or streets I've ever been in. The smell was indescribable."

Almond Toffee Glimpses of the lighter side of war in the Central Mediterranean are contained in letters received by Mr. and Mrs. R. Sherred, of 72 Boundary-road, Ramsgate, from one of their sons, Cpl. Elgar Sherred, Royal Marines.

Elgar has had many interesting and exciting experiences since he went to North Africa in July last, having joined the service in the previous November. From North Africa he went to Sicily, where he spent a short time in a field hospital with a slight attack of malaria. In spite of the discomfort he appears to have enjoyed himself in the canvas hospital and found it a nice change to be waited on for meals.

"We are seeing the world anyhow," he wrote from Sicily. "There is plenty of fruit, nuts and wine, and the Italians make almond toffee. We also get quite a bit of chocolate. It is hotter here than at Tripoli but, fortunately, there is no sand."

Cpl. Sherred saw about 100 Italian prisoners making up the roads with no British guards over them, but they were working willingly. One of them swept out the ward at his hospital, washed the crockery and did other odd jobs.

Now in Italy he writes to tell of the hilly country he is in. "The roads just wind round and round the mountains," he says. "The towns in Italy are running quite normally and there is plenty to buy."

Before entering the forces Elgar, an old Hereson Schoolboy, was a messenger and then a fireman in the N.F.S. at Ramsgate. He will celebrate his 21st birthday next August.

From Buses to Police Ruben, Cpl. Sherred's 33-year-old brother, will be remembered in Thanet as a driver and conductor for the East Kent Road Car Co., by whom he was employed for 12 years. He afterwards transferred, as a ticket inspector, to the Maidstone and District Omnibus Co.

Last December he entered the Royal Air Force and is now a member of the service police at his station in Oxfordshire. Like his brother he was educated at Lillian-road School.

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Palestine Tour Cftsmn. Vyvyan Knivett, R.E.M.E., of 2 Norman-road, Ramsgate, who has been in the Middle East for a year, has toured the Holy Land while on leave. While overseas he has met a fellow Old Ruymian, Ted Solly, serving in the Royal Armoured Corps.

To all Thanet servicemen and women who are lucky enough to be with their families the ADVERTISER & ECHO wishes a Merry Christmas.

To those, less fortunate, who have to remain at their stations—as happy a time as possible.

To them all—a victorious New Year and success in their valiant struggle.

O.R. in Far East Anthony T. Riordan, an old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, whose home is at 6 Royal-crescent, Margate, is a sub-lieutenant serving with the Fleet Air Arm in the Far East. He joined the Royal Navy, later transferred to the Fleet Air Arm and gained his wings in Canada.

Of his two brothers, Kenneth, until lately serving with a training unit of the Royal Armoured Corps, is a cadet at a pre-O.C.T.U., and Derek is a second-lieutenant in the R.A.C.

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D.S.M. Home Q/M/S Evan V. Pugh, who, in 1941, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, is now home in Ramsgate after five years abroad.

Evan, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pugh, live at James-villa, Balmoral-place, went overseas with the Royal Artillery in 1938, and from the commencement of the war fought through all the Middle East campaigns.

His D.S.M. was awarded for several thrilling exploits. On one occasion in the El Alamein area he was in charge of a battery surrounded by the Germans. When all the ammunition had gone they blew up the guns and successfully defended their position with rifles and bayonets.

Now enjoying a four weeks leave, Q/M/S Pugh, who is 27, expects to go to Buckingham Palace in the near future to receive his decoration.

Cpl. Terence Pugh, his brother, captured in France while serving with the Royal Armoured Corps, has just sent his photograph from Germany and he appears to be in good health.

MINSTER

Rural Pennies. During November the sum of £15 15s. was collected in Minster for the Red Cross Rural Pennies Fund.

Silver Tree Meeting.—The annual silver tree meeting was held at Minster Salvation Army Citadel on Wednesday. A programme of music was provided by the Army band and members contributed solo items.

N.F.S. Benevolent Fund.—Organised by members of the National Fire Service, a social and dance in aid of the N.F.S. Benevolent Fund, held at Minster Parish Hall on Tuesday, realised £22 5s. 8d. The event was attended by firemen and firewomen from all parts of Thanet. Music was provided by Don Beerling's band and competition winners were Mr. Wellard, Mr. Cowell, Mr. Pearse and Miss Pocock.

Aid for Prisoners.—The sum of £5 10s. in aid of the Prisoners' of War Fund was raised as a result of a dance held at Minster Parish Hall. Two hundred people attended and music was provided by Don Beerling's band. A whist drive in aid of the same fund, held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday, realised £1 12s. 6d. Major W. Howard was M.C. and prizewinners were Mr. Forwood, Mr. Beaumont, Mr. Forde and Ptes. Harrison, Stott and Belsey.

WHAT CHRISTMAS WANTS

Ring out, ring out, gay Christmas bells!
The world is crying in the night,
The world is crying for the light,
Then ring it in, gay Christmas bells!

The bells of life are out of tune,
Hatred eclipses all most fair,
The devil rages everywhere,
Obscuring love's delicious moon.

Dear God can make our heart-bells sweet,
Till voices warble rich in tone,
No heart need ever ring alone,
Joy mesmerises eager feet.

Ring in, gay bells, the death of greed,
Of narrowness and lust for power,
Ring in, ring in the welcome hour
When love and laughter fill our need.

WALTER K. LEWIS.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS

Extensions of the licensing hours on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve from 10.30 to 11 p.m. were granted by Margate magistrates on Wednesday in respect of 49 licensed premises in Margate, Westgate and Birchington.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Savings.—Savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 11th December amounted to £4,421. They were made up of savings certificates £1,152, defence bonds £1,350 and deposits in the Post Office savings bank £1,919.

Spirit of Christmas.—After the business at Ramsgate police court on Monday, the Mayor (Alderman G. W. Twigger) wished the police a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. C/I Butcher returned the compliment on behalf of the police.

Found.—A "Loyal Service" badge belonging to a person invalided from the forces has been found in the main hall of Ramsgate railway station. If the owner will apply to Mr. H. Farmer, ticket collector, the badge will be returned.

School Attendance.—The percentage attendance at Ramsgate schools for November was 86·36. The average number on the roll was 1,995·25 and the average attendance 1,723·1. Christ Church School returned the best attendance with 92·6 per cent.

Wiped Off.—A case against a 16-year-old labourer accused of stealing two bicycles from the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on 29th January, which C/I H. G. Butcher stated had been "on the sheets" for nearly a year, was dismissed at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday. The chief inspector said the boy was now at a naval training school.

Gifts to Teachers.—Ramsgate Education Committee have decided to make a payment of £10 to Mr. W. E. Copping in recognition of the services he rendered as teacher-in-charge of Hereson Senior School from May to August pending the recall of the head teacher. A similar gift is being made to Mr. E. J. Wilson in respect of his services at Dame Janet School.

Stolen Ammunition.—When two lads aged 14 and 11 were again brought before Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday for stealing a quantity of ammunition, the former was dismissed following good reports concerning his behaviour. The case against the second boy was adjourned for a month for a report to be presented concerning his home surroundings.

Dickens' Recital.—An appreciative audience listened to a centenary recital of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" by the Rev. D. L. Williams in the Congregational Hall, Ramsgate, on Tuesday. Mr. Williams, a great lover of Dickens, entered into the spirit of the characters and the time so well that in imagination he took his listeners back to Charles Dickens' England of 100 years ago. They were moved to laughter and almost to tears, and mouths watered when the Cratchits sat down to their Christmas dinner of turkey and other rich Christmas fare. Mr. W. Fuller, who presided, thanked Mr. Williams for the great pleasure he had given them, Mrs. Thom for her solos, Mrs. Kennard, the accompanist, and the Congregational friends who had placed the hall at their disposal.

TOYS GALORE

ST. LAWRENCE N.F.S. PARTY

It had to be seen to be believed.

The children's party given by the men and women of 2Y N.F.S. Station at their headquarters in the old St. Lawrence Vicarage, on Monday, was so full of Christmas cheer that it was like a "flashback" to peace days.

How did the fire service do it—jellies, rations, toys and all that? Well, they thought of the idea a good time ago and each member of the station contributed 6d. a week towards the party fund. In addition to that they saved a little each week out of their own rations and many of them set to work in their spare time to make the toys to be distributed as presents.

The result was a grand treat for 50 kiddies—over half of their number children of the firemen, and the rest the young sons and daughters of prisoners of war and men who have been serving abroad for a long time.

The tempting spread at teatime was more than the youngsters could tuck away—meat sandwiches, cakes and jellies made by the staff from gelatine and fruit flavouring.

With the tables cleared the children, with gay laughter, joined in a long series of party games under the leadership of jovial Fmn. Scott, and the fun was fast and furious throughout the evening.

Toy Store.

But the piece de resistance for the young guests was the toy store in the next room. Here it looked as though Father Christmas had emptied his whole sack. And they were all good quality toys—many of them would have sold for more than 15s. in the normal way. In fact the maker of an excellent model of a Flying Fortress was offered £2 for it as he was taking it to the party. The lad who was presented with that was lucky indeed.

Among the huge pile of colourful toys were a strongly-made wheelbarrow, a couple of porters' trolleys, dolls' cots, railway engines, ships, a model yacht, a motor garage with cars, woolly dolls and performing clowns. The display was a great credit to the ingenuity of the firemen and of the firewomen who made the dolls.

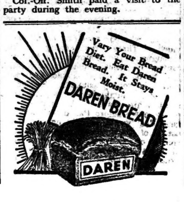
Each child, as he or she entered the building, was given a numbered ticket, and later received the toy bearing the corresponding number. Prizes were also offered for the games, and Fmn. Scott presented a savings certificate for competition.

Between their games the children joined in lively community singing to music provided by Ldg.-Fmn. Alf Challenger (piano) and Fmn. Bill Maxted (piano-accordeon). Father Christmas was there, too, in the person of Fmn. G. Lewis (Northwood station).

Sec.-Ldr. R. J. Peall was in charge of the evening's festivities but, as he pointed out, the success of the effort was due to the work and generosity of all the station members, who formed themselves into committees. He paid particular tribute to the ladies of the kitchen staff, who gave up much of their time to prepare the food.

Before leaving for home each child was presented with a coloured bag containing sweets, an apple, biscuits and a 3d.-bit.

Col.-Off. Smith paid a visit to the party during the evening.



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MUCH APPRECIATED

C.E.M.A. CONCERT AT RAMSGATE

Although the audience was smaller than usual when another C.E.M.A. concert was given at Ramsgate Congregational Hall last week, the enthusiastic applause showed that the efforts of the artistes were as much appreciated as ever.

The palm must go to Miss Dorothy Hogben, pianist, who combines the gifts of the perfect accompanist with those of a brilliant soloist. Her Chopin's Scherzo and Schubert's Impromptu in A Flat had all the polish, neatness and incisiveness of the best performers.

Mr. Murray Davies (baritone) is an artist. He can convey so many emotions without apparent effort and his diction justified his varied choice of songs. His descriptive pieces in which the words were as important as the music were rendered with all the skill of consummate art. His songs included "Monkey's Carol" (Stanford), with accompaniment suggestive of a barrel organ, and Shelley's famous poem "Love's Philosophy."

During the interval Mr. Davies explained the purpose of C.E.M.A. and disclosed that Miss Sybil Eaton was one of the original five artistes to start the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts. Now the organisation had spread all over England and included such activities as picture exhibitions, Bristol's lovely theatre productions, ballets and plays at the Old Vic and Sadlers Wells.

Miss Eve Kisch, who opened the concert with Handel's third sonata written originally for flute and harpsicord, said the five movements of this work comprised a bourrée, a minuet and various dance times because the composer felt the need of a little jollity. A very interesting item by Miss Kisch was an unaccompanied piece, "Flutes of Pan" (Debussy) dedicated to the great French flautist, Louis Fleury. In Kriesler's Polichinel Serenade she subtly emphasised the light-heartedness and artificiality of the subject. Her contributions also included Rimsky Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumble Bee," which seems at its best on the flute.

The Vicar of St. Lawrence (the Rev. J. H. Roundhill) expressed the opinion of the audience in thanking the artistes for their cheerful and expert performance.

LT. GLYNNE PARSONS

WOUNDED IN ITALY

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Parsons, of 35 Queen Bertha-road, Ramsgate, have received news that their nephew, Lt. Glynne Parsons, who formerly lived with them, has been wounded while fighting in Italy.

Mrs. Parsons heard the news this week just before her departure for Machynlleth, Wales, to join her husband.

Lt. Parsons will be well remembered by old boys of Chatham House School, where he attended until going on to King's College, London, to study law. He was evacuated with the college to Bristol and afterwards to Cambridge, and while at the college gained his Inter Ll.B.

Called up for service in January, 1942, he joined the Royal Corps of Signals and was afterwards attached to an infantry regiment.

His aunt and uncle have received regular letters from him since he went to Italy in November. In them he refers to the friendliness of the Italian people and says the life there is far better than in North Africa, "although E.N.S.A. has not arrived in force."

"The Italians," he says, "are far better than the North Africans, possibly because they were treated so badly by the Germans, who were filthy and horrible to the people."

Lt. Parsons, who is 21, was captain of Simmonds' House and a school prefect while at Chatham House.

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XMAS POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS AT RAMSGATE AND BROADSTAIRS

The Head Postmaster gives notice that on Christmas Day there will be one delivery of letters and parcels. No despatches will be made. Counter business will be transacted at Ramsgate head office and Broadstairs branch office only. The hours of attendance will be from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. All sub-offices will be closed.

There will be no delivery of letters or parcels on Sunday, 26th December. Collections will be made from the head and all town posting boxes in Ramsgate and Broadstairs at the usual Sunday times, and there will be a general night mail despatch. The public counter at Ramsgate and Broadstairs will be open from 9 a.m. until 10.30 a.m.

On Monday, 27th December, there will be a delivery of letters and parcels. Collections will be made at the usual Bank Holiday times, and there will be one night mail despatch. The public office at Ramsgate will be open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and at Broadstairs from 9 a.m. until 10.30 a.m. All town sub-offices will be closed.

BROADSTAIRS CHRISTMAS DRINKS

Extensions of the licences until 11 p.m. for Christmas Eve, Monday, and New Year's Eve in respect of 17 establishments in Broadstairs were granted at Margate Cinque Ports police court on Monday.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

Buddle.—8th December, at Chesterfield, Derbyshire, to Sgt. W/Op. A/G. Albert William (Bert) and Mrs. Buddle a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Atkinson—Wood.—11th December, at All Saints' Church, Westbrook, Margate, Pte. Albert George Atkinson, of Isleworth, to Dorothy Elizabeth Florence Wood, of Garlinge.

Cottman—Enfield.—11th December, at Newtownards, N.I., Sgt. Stafford Cottman, R.A.F., of Bristol, to Cpl. Stella Enfield, W.A.A.F., of Broadstairs.

Harington—Baverstock.—10th December, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, Actg. Q/M/S Henry Harington, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, to Vera Baverstock, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Crowhurst. 15th December, at Rancorn-road, Margate, Mary Ann Crowhurst.

Hyde.—15th December, at 3 Napleton-road, Ramsgate, Catherine Louise Hyde, passed peacefully away, aged 87 years.

McKenzie.—12th December, at Canterbury Hospital, Martin McKenzie, of 11 Saxon-road, Ramsgate, aged 76 years.

Ingamells.—11th December, at 64 Tivoli-road, Margate, Eliza Emily Ingamells, aged 74 years.

Payne. 11th December, at Barry-hill, Eltham, Edward Stephen Payne, late of Ramsgate, aged 59 years.

Rutter.—14th December, at 41 Picton-road, Ramsgate, Eleanor Johnson Rutter, aged 76, eldest daughter of the late Thomas and Susannah Tucker.

RETURN THANKS

The family of the late Mr. E. Ayres, of Minster, wish to return thanks for sympathy in their bereavement and to all who sent flowers.

The family of the late Mr. T. W. Mockridge wish to thank friends for kind enquiries and sympathy, the staff of Ramsgate General Hospital, the doctor, and Mr. W. H. Maskell, the undertaker.
—78 High-street, Ramsgate.

IN MEMORIAM

Miller.—In loving memory of Frederick Ernest Miller, passed away 18th December, 1940. From his loving wife, son and daughter.
—12 Bellevue-road, Ramsgate.

Moore.—In memory of our dear dad, William James Moore, who fell asleep 15th December, 1936. Always in our thoughts.—Bill, Bob and Ada.

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